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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 25, 2004 was filed after the mailing date of the notice of allowance on September 30, 2004. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. A copy of the initialed IDS from 1449 is attached to the instant communication. Only those references that have been fully considered by the examiner have been initialed.

The information disclosure statement filed October 25, 2004 fails to fully comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of the Japanese Office Action listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

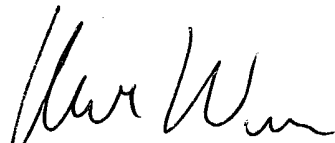
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ulrike Winkler, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0912. The examiner can normally be reached M-F, 8:30 am - 5 pm. The examiner can also be reached via email [ulrike.winkler@uspto.gov].

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